## THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, <u>ex rel</u>. Cori Rigsby, et al.,

Plaintiff.

Civil Action No. 1:06cv433WJG

V.

STATE FARM INS. CO., et al.

Defendants.

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## UNITED STATES' UNOPPOSED EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR A SIX-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO CONSIDER ELECTION TO INTERVENE

For the reasons set forth in the accompanying Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the United States of America respectfully requests an exparte order under the False Claims Act, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(3), for an extension until January 3, 2007 of its period in which to notify the Court of its decision regarding intervention in the above-captioned False Claims Act qui tam action. The intervention deadline is currently July 3, 2006, based on service of process having been completed as to the United States Attorney General as of May 3, 2006. This is the first extension request that the United States has made in this case. The United States further requests that the Complaint and other related filings remain under seal during this time. Relators, through counsel, have informed the Government that they concur in this request.

As set forth in the accompanying Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the United States has been investigating this matter diligently, but needs more time to complete its investigation. An extension of time will enable the Government to make an informed decision as to whether to take over this action pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(4).

Accordingly, the Government asks that it be given until January 3, 2007, to complete its investigation before it decides whether to intervene in this case and during which time the complaint and other related pleadings will remain under seal.

Respectfully submitted,

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